

COMMERCIAL ANALYSIS:

SEPTEMBER STARS

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An undefeated stakes winner in North America, September Stars is by a European superstar, from a fabulous family.

A winner twice in England, September Stars made an eye-catching debut, producing a strong finishing kick to score over nine furlongs at Santa Anita. The signature turn of foot was again in evidence when September Stars repeated over course and distance, running down stakes winner Madame Stripes, with grade two winner Cheekabo also among the beaten field. The hat-trick was completed in the listed Possibly Perfect Stakes, where September Stars outfinished stakes winner Responsibleforlove to claim a black-type victory.

September Stars is by the wonderful racehorse Sea The Stars. Winner of the 2,000 Guineas (gr. I), Epsom Derby (gr. I), Eclipse Stakes (gr. I), Juddmonte International (gr. I), Irish Champion Stakes (gr. I), and Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe (gr. I), Sea The Stars has been an equally impressive sire. With his first four crops, Sea The Stars is already sire of 45 stakes winners, eight of the group or grade one, including Harzand, successful in the English and Irish Derbys (both gr. I); the English Oaks (gr. I) and King George VI & Queen Elizabeth Stakes (gr. I) heroine Taghrooda; runaway German Derby (gr. I) scorer Sea The Moon; Cloth of Stars, Mekhtaal, Zelzal, Vazira, and Stradivarius. A half-brother to Galileo – not only a great sire, but now emerging as a very important broodmare sire – and out of the extraordinary mare, Urban Sea, Sea The Stars looks certain to be just as influential through his producing daughters.

September Stars is a three-quarters sister to the group one placed two-year-old Altruistic. Her dam, Altesse Imperiale, is a three-quarters sister to group winner Actrice, and to stakes winner Anna's Rock, herself dam of the three-time group two winning and group one placed Breton Rock. Altesse Imperiale is also half-sister to Angara, successful in the Beverly D. Stakes (gr. I), Diana Handicap (gr. I) and Bewitch Stakes (gr. III); to Arlesienne, dam of group winner Affaire Solitaire and stakes

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winners Aizavoski and Andromeda Galaxy and granddam of stakes winning and group one placed Akatea; and to Angelita, the dam of group winner Aquamarine.

The granddam, Ange Bleu, is a half-sister to Arcangues, a group one winner in France, who also captured the Breeders' Cup Classic (gr. I). She is also half-sister Agathe, a classic placed group winner who is dam of Aquarelliste, winner of the French Oaks (gr. I), and a champion in England and France, and Artiste Royale, successful in the Charles Whittingham Memorial Handicap (gr. I) and Clement L. Hirsch Memorial Turf Handicap (gr. I), and stakes winning and grade one placed Annekov, and granddam of stakes winning and group one placed Ame Bleue.

There are another 15 stakes winners descending from other half-sisters of Ange Bleu, among them 1,000 Guineas (gr. I) victress Cape Verdi, and group and graded scorers Forgotten Voice, Australie, Galatee, Dartmouth, Manatee, and Genre.

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